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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Madam Chair. I just want to add my voice to the call for more resources for victim services. I raised this in the last Assembly, the Minister knows well. I pushed his predecessor to conduct a review. The review was done. I think it was done well. The report of the evaluation, though, is dated April 30, 2020, so the department has now had it for almost 10 months. I really want to urge the Minister to work with his staff to get the departmental response. I know the evaluation report came in during the pandemic, but I really want to encourage that the department develop a full response, a costed one was mentioned by the deputy minister, and get the resources for the people who carry out that really critical service. Please move it forward. I'm happy to consider a supplementary appropriate, if necessary, but those people do completely thankless work, and we need to resource that service properly. Thanks, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you, Member. Minister.

**HON. R.J. SIMPSON:** Thank you. I had this discussion with the department very soon after I took this file. I think the Member knows that I like costed plans with timelines, and so I've asked the department to go ahead and do that work. We hope to have something in the near future. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Member for Frame Lake.

**MR. O'REILLY:** No. Thanks, Madam Chair, and thanks to the Minister and his staff. I'll probably be asking about the status of it in May/June, so just a little head's up. Thank you. That's all I've got. Thanks, Madam Chair.